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THE PROSPECTS OF EUROPE.

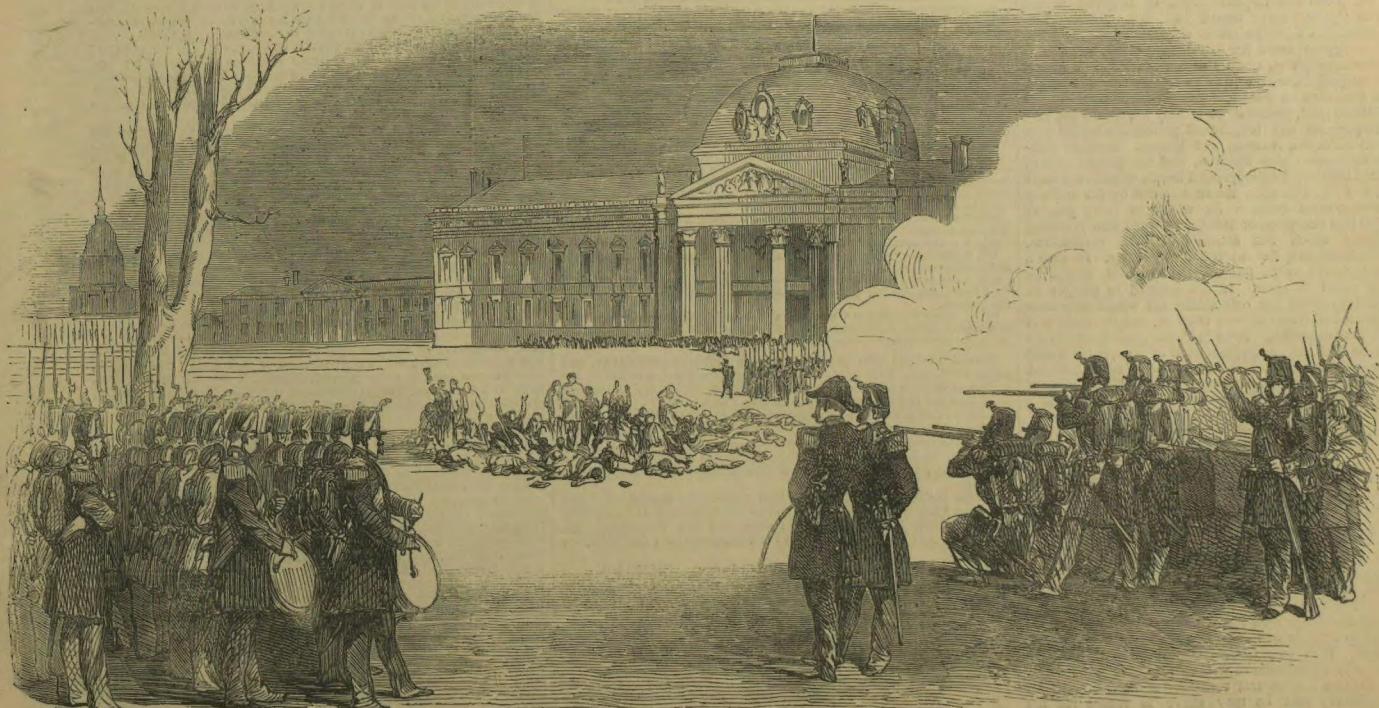
"ORDER" reigns in Paris. The sword and the cannon have superseded all other modes of government among our polite and versatile neighbours. An iron tyranny, without parallel in European history, has succeeded to the conflict of opinion which has raged since February, 1848. Liberty is defunct. Fraternity has no representative between Boulogne and Marseilles, unless a fierce dragoon with a sword at the throat of an unoffending citizen can be deemed its personification. Equality, it is true, exists, but it is an equality of degradation. High perched in his impenetrable coolness, the Dictator of France looks down upon a whole nation, wherein he can recognise but two classes—an army which is his instrument of coercion, and a multitude which it is his pleasure or his necessity to coerce. Until the votes of the people give something like a legal sanction to the existence of the *de facto* Government, martial law will be the only law throughout France. All other law is superseded; and neither opinion, nor property, nor life has any chance of existence if it presume to thwart the wishes and designs of the new Autocrat.

We state the fact thus broadly, because, in considering the very serious question of its result upon Europe and upon ourselves, it is necessary that the true position of affairs among our neighbours should be clearly understood and acknowledged. The revolution wrought by the unconquerable energy and adamantine sword of M. Louis Napoleon Bonaparte is a marvellous but most indubitable "great fact." He is the absolute lord and master, for the time being, of the destinies of France. The elections that close this day, of which we shall not know the details for some time, cannot possibly alter the position. The French have no liberty of choice: Louis Napoleon is before them; and if they did not please to accept him by their votes, they would be compelled to endure him by another and equally effective process. He is the most illustrious and powerful *pis aller* of whom we have any record in history or experience. Even those who hate him are compelled to give him their suffrage, lest in opposing him they should prepare the way for calamities which are more dreadful than the worst they can conjure before their minds as likely to result from a military despotism. "Better," they say, "a strait jacket than a total collapse. Better even the treadwheel and the

DRAGOON, WITH HAY AND PROVISIONS FOR THE NIGHT.

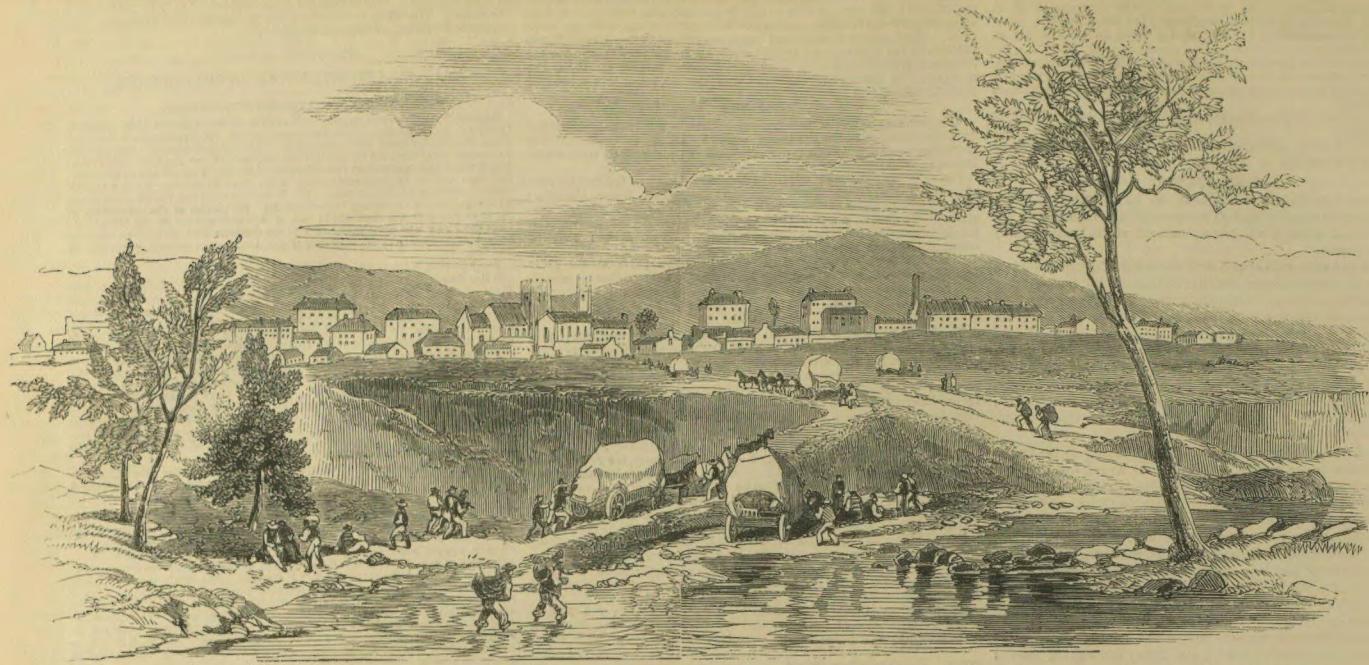


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THE REVOLUTION IN FRANCE.—TROOPS SHOOTING INSURGENTS.—(SEE NEXT PAGE.)

THE AUSTRALIAN GOLD DISTRICT.—BATHURST TO OPHIR.



GOLD-SEEKERS ARRIVING AT BATHURST, ON THEIR WAY TO OPHIR.

We abridge from the *Sydney Herald*, the following interesting narrative of the gold-seeker, from Bathurst to Ophir:

"It rained all day; crowds of men poured into Bathurst, utterly destitute, and one came to me, evidently at the last extremity, and offered to wash for rations for a fortnight. In half an hour he brought another, whom we also engaged, as much for charity as for any use, and before night we could have had a dozen on the same terms. As it rained all day, we sent the men on with the dray knowing that we could overtake them before they could reach the 'diggings.'

"May 31st.—We started on foot, and about five miles out met a Sydney gentle-man walking, having lost his horse the day before, and camped out all night in the snow. We had counted 100 men and twelve drays going out, and we met 28 foot-men, most of them pale, miserable, and dejected returning, besides several parties of horsemen, armed, and evidently, from their gravity, carrying gold. We strolled the night at the assistant commissioner's station, fifteen miles from Bathurst.

"1st June.—Started again; met about 70 men leaving the diggings: all agreed that there was plenty of gold for all who went properly provided, and willing and able to work; but those who had neither tools nor provisions could not even earn their grub. We dined at the farm of Mr. Kerr, better known as 'Scotch Harry,' who is driving a rattling dray loaded with gold-seekers with dinner and mutton, at 2s. a meal. On leaving, we took a short cut and lost our way; at last found a track, and so reached the station. Were rather coolly received at first, visitors of late having been rather too numerous for even bush hospitality; but after a little conversation, the quart pots were put down, and we were most kindly treated. We had a long conversation after supper with men engaged on the station, and were much struck with the sobriety of their views. To people at a distance, the Gold Country is a place where pieces of gold are to be had up without trouble; and they stay there to be fed, for a month, and quavers somewhat when they are often done in the bush. But these men know that it is an open desert, with severe frosts every night, sleet and snow for weeks at a time (June is the Australian winter season), without any accommodation whatever, or rations, unless paid for in hard money at three times the usual price. And so, although these shepherds all intend to give the gold a trial when they get their discharge, and their wages to fit them out, they look on the road they saw passing every day, without toil, or trouble, as dark.

"June 2d.—In the morning, the sun shone upon the water in the ditch outside, and the ground covered with hoar frost, as it often is here. Hot days and frosty nights. After breakfast, guided by 'Scotch Harry,' who called on his way to join a party in which he is a partner, an hour's walk brought us to the edge of a precipice which overhangs the Gold Creek, and we had a first-rate view of the diggings. The Gold Country seems to consist of a mass of points of ranges (i. e. rock-crested hills), thrown together in confusion, the overhanging ledges of the ranges like the teeth of two saws placed close together, face to face; the teeth being cut into points by numerous precipices which many of them nearly as deep as the main creek itself. Small creeks twist and twine down these great gullies, which have a sudden bend every half dozen yards into the Summer Hill or main creek, which twists and twines on a larger scale. The banks of the gullies are precipices on both sides, but in the main creek there are alternate bluffs and low points, the teeth of the saw gently sloping down,

diminishing in height as they do in width, till they come to a point of overhanging on the opposite side by a high precipice, which forms the inside point of the saw. As we stood upon the edge of the cliff we looked down nearly two hundred feet over and along each side of the opposite point, dotted with tents and gunyahs of bark or branches, each with its fire at the point sending the smoke up into the clear frosty morning air; some under the noble swamp oaks and up into a fair-cut camp where many stockmen or black fellows are to camp all that ever broke the solitude of nature. On saying so to Scotch Harry, he said that he had kept stock there for nearly twenty years, and when he came there were flocks of kangaroos: these were driven off by the cattle, and now the cattle were driven away by the gold-diggers. He told of two who had gone mad—one, a shepherd in the neighbourhood. I could scarcely believe that two or two men could be so far out as this, and were scattered by five or six months, and were not satisfied, and continued searching and hunting for excitement, and so became mad. The other was a man who after starving two days, found a lb. weight, fainted repeatedly, and is now in confinement. Kerr said that two months ago hardly a traveller passed his house in a week; now there were crowds every hour. His children never thought there were so many people in the world before, and wondered what it all meant. We proceeded up the bed of the creek, passing men of all ages, working in all sorts of ways, till we came to a point about a mile further up, where the road from Bathurst intersects the creek, and where the miners had a camp. The proprietor of the station said he was stamp'd that it is called the Township. We found it would take at least two days to carry seven hundred weight over two miles of such ridges. On the following day we succeeded in inducing nine black natives to carry them across for ls. a day and their rations—good pay for a black. A decent-looking man came up and asked me to employ him, and I was sorry to refuse. He had been accustomed to take contracts on the roads near Sydney, and came up with a party imperfectly provided with tools, and with provisions for only a short time. The master of the party had been engaged to lead a team and on commanding operations found that four of them were tradesmen who could not stand the hard work: the work of the four had to provide for six; consequently they had done nothing, and were returning. He said he was perfectly satisfied that a party fitted for the work and properly provided would make their fortunes, and he was resolved to return. Many return without giving it one minute's trial.

"The mail contractor has commenced running a coach from Bathurst to the Ophir Gold Diggings at £1 per head, and an allowance of 14 lbs. baggage. The proprietor will not be responsible for accidents. And the owner of Scotch Harry's Station, seven miles from the diggings, announces his intention of laying it out in lots as a town, under the name of 'Ophir' and selling it by auction, in an advertisement worthy of the late George Robins.—An oasis, romantically beautiful, consisting of a small plain with thinly-timbered slopes, abundant herbage, and a never-failing supply of water from the golden sands of Lowrie Ponds."

"PAYING THE LICENCES—PEACEABLE BEHAVIOUR OF THE PEOPLE.

"Mr. Hardy passed collecting licences, so I went down to pay ours, and did not know whether to be most struck by the bearing of the miners or of the commissioner. Everything was done as quietly as if it was the quietest parish in England. Hitherto not a single outrage or robbery or even incident to cause regret has occurred among this crowd of men of all classes washing side by side. The miners are a quiet, orderly, and good-looking set of fellows. They pay a cask of rum brought by a sly grog-seller. Tents are left all day with their contents without any protection. A man may walk from one end of the mines to the other with a mingeet five pounds weight in his hand, and the miners will only congratulate him. A man detected cheating his party in selling gold was only turned off with ignominy: in California they would have hanged him.

"Mr. Hardy allowed all hands who had not cash a week to work for licence fees; and that, if man had elapsed, a few days' grace to new arrivals. He makes it a rule that a man who has a claim for diggings shall have ten or twenty feet frontage, with a depth of 100 feet. The licence fee is received in dust at the rate of £3 4s. the ounce. Mr. Hardy also takes gold in deposit, and keeps it until it is convenient to send it to Sydney.

"As a body, the miners are civil and obliging. Almost every one came armed to the teeth, but now firearms are at a discount: the only use made of them has been to fire salutes. The most unanimous explosion took place, first on the Queen's birthday, and secondly the night of the commissioner's arrival, in honour of the royal visit. The licence fees taken out to the end of the week was 600. Two and three thousand are on the ground. The Bishop of Sydney has made arrangements for having divine service celebrated twice a day at the diggings by two clergymen, one of whom at any rate will be resident. The first service was well attended.

"Several large pieces (one lot amounting to seven pounds weight) have been found, by the last reports.

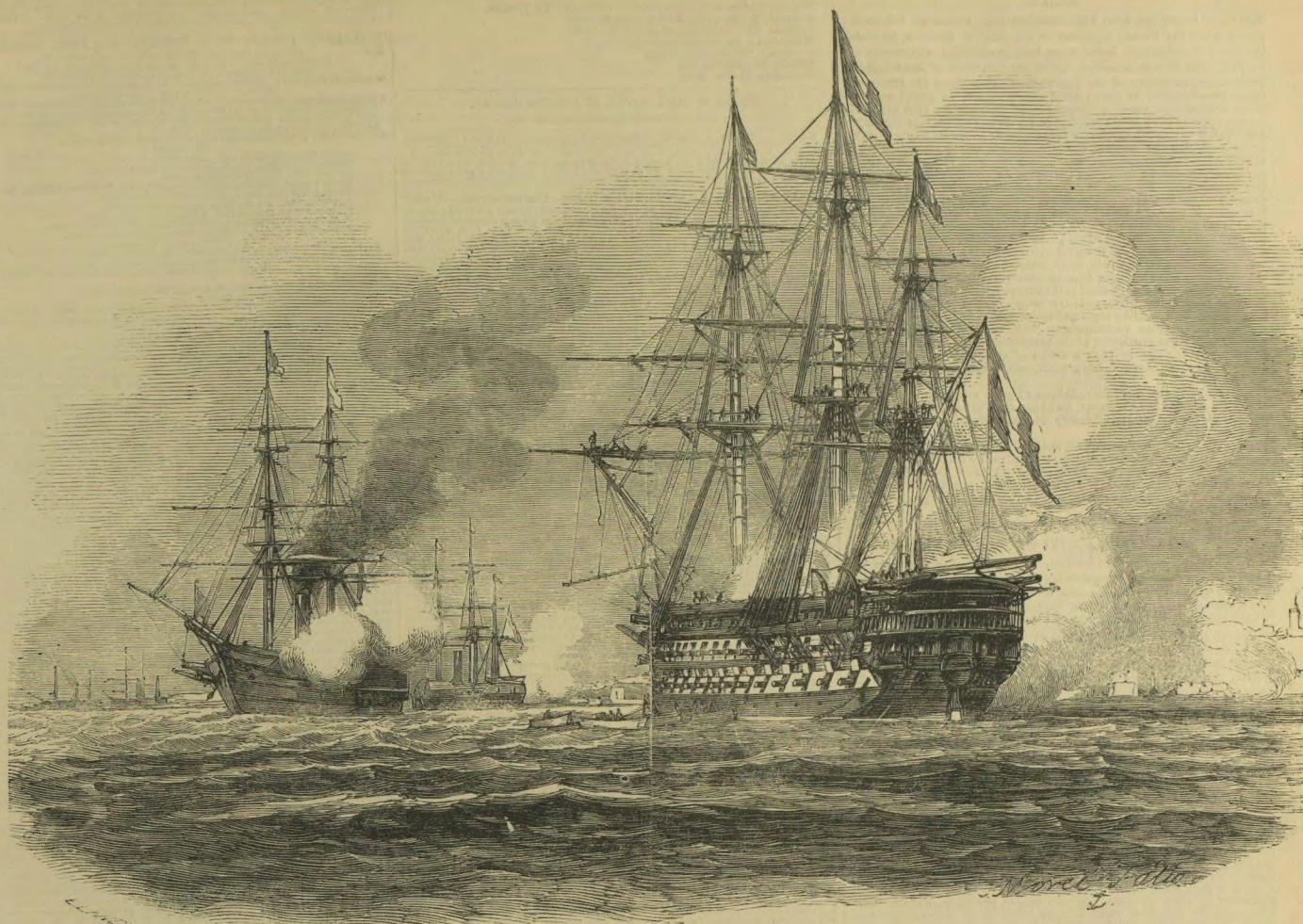
"The discovery of gold in the Turon, another tributary creek of the Macquarie, has been officially reported by Mr. Stuchbury, the Government geologist, to Mr. Commissioner Hardy, and posted up by him for the information of the miners."

The accompanying Scens is from a clever series of *Six Views of the Gold Field of Ophir*, by G. F. Angas, lately published at Sydney. Here we have a party of gold-seekers arriving at Bathurst, on their way to Ophir. In the background is seen the town of Bathurst, with the towers of the Protestant and Catholic churches; nearer, and crossing the bed of the Macquarie River, parties of gold-seekers may be seen with their dray-loads of tools and provisions, entering the town after their long and tedious journey across the mountain ranges.

The Second Illustration, also from one of Mr. Angas's Views, shows Fitzroy Bar, Ophir at the junction of the two creeks, with the process of washing for gold. This spot the diggers first commenced working. At the time this Sketch was taken, the entire "bar" was turned up, and the stones so heaped about as to resemble a Warren on a large scale. On the left of the picture, across the Creek, is Meyer's store.



FITROY BAR, OPHIR, AT THE JUNCTION OF THE TWO CREEKS.



BOMBARDMENT OF SALEE ON THE COAST OF MOROCCO, BY THE FRENCH.—(SEE NEXT PAGE.)



THE CROYDON WATER-WORKS.—THE RESERVOIR.—(SEE NEXT PAGE.)

THE REVOLUTION IN FRANCE.



VIEW OF AUXERRE.

In our Journal of last week we mentioned several districts of France as having suffered from the excesses and ravages of the Socialists. To these may be added the district comprised between Clamecy, department of the Nièvre, and Coulanges-sur-Yonne, which has been the scene of grave disturbances. "In every commune, bands attempted to possess themselves of the mairies, in order to seize the arms of the National Guard. In resisting one of these bands, a gentleman named Possesseaux was killed. One portion of these insurgents proceeded to Clamecy, where they committed excesses which have been already described; another marched on Coulanges-sur-Yonne, but the inhabitants resisted, and for three days prevented the insurgents from forcing their way into the town. A great number of smaller communes were, however, disarmed and sacked. The tocsin was sounded. At last expressos succeeded in reaching Auxerre,

and vigorous measures were immediately taken. Some engagements subsequently took place between the 'brigands' and the military, and the former were everywhere defeated. On both sides there were killed and wounded. The accounts from Auxerre represent that the rioters were everywhere routed, except at La Paisaye, but that military forces were being sent against them there."

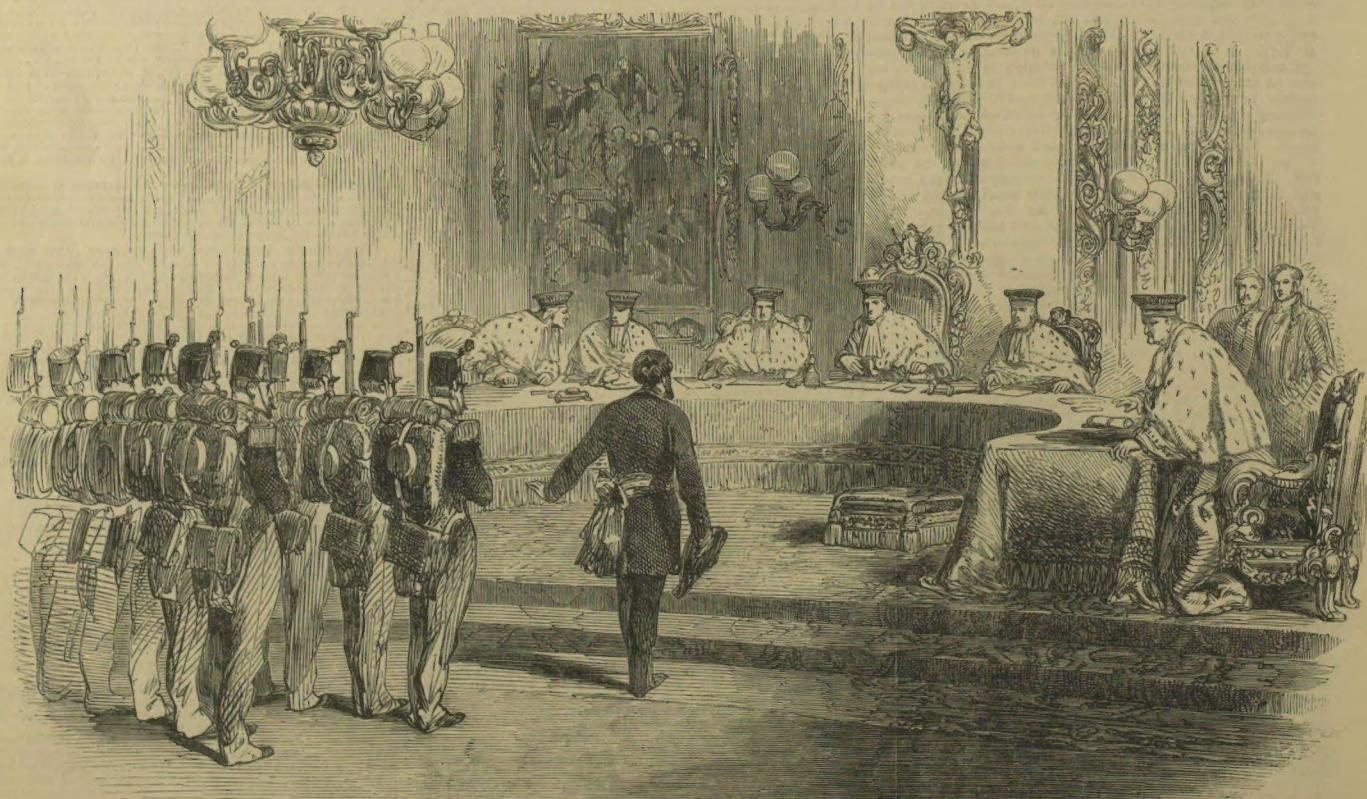
AUXERRE,

of which we have engraved a view, is the capital of the department of Yonne, situated on the left or west bank of the river which gives name to the department: it is 102 miles south-east of Paris, by the road through Melun. The city stands on the slope of a hill, whence it is seen to great advantage. The massive Cathedral and two or three other large churches, and a ruined spire, all rise finely above the houses, reminding one of cities in the background of pictures by old German

masters. It is a fine old place, with many well-built houses, but with dirty and narrow streets. The cathedral, dedicated to St. Stephen, is accounted one of the finest in France; it escaped with little damage the violence of the Revolution: the prevailing style is flamboyant Gothic, except in the choir, which is early Gothic, of the twelfth century; the portal is magnificent and there are some beautiful painted windows. The Boulevards, in the place of the ancient walls, which surround the town on three sides, present a charming variety of prospects; the moats are filled with plantations of acacia, gardens, and vines; and the ancient towers are picturesquely festooned with ivy. The chief trade of the town is in wine, of which it is a considerable mart.

DISSOLUTION OF THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE.

One of the earliest acts of Louis Napoleon on the morning of Wednesday, the 3d inst., was the dissolution of the High Court of Justice, convoked,



THE LAST SITTING OF THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE.

THE REVOLUTION IN FRANCE.



CARRYING THE WOUNDED TO THE HOSPITAL OF ST. LOUIS.

in the terms of the Constitution, by the residuary members of the Legislative Assembly. The special object of the meeting of the Court was to adopt a resolution relative to the President of the Republic, when a summons to separate was communicated to the members from the Government in the form pictured in the Illustration, and the attorney was instructed to consider any decree it might issue as null. It was further expected that a decree would appear in the *Moniteur* of the next

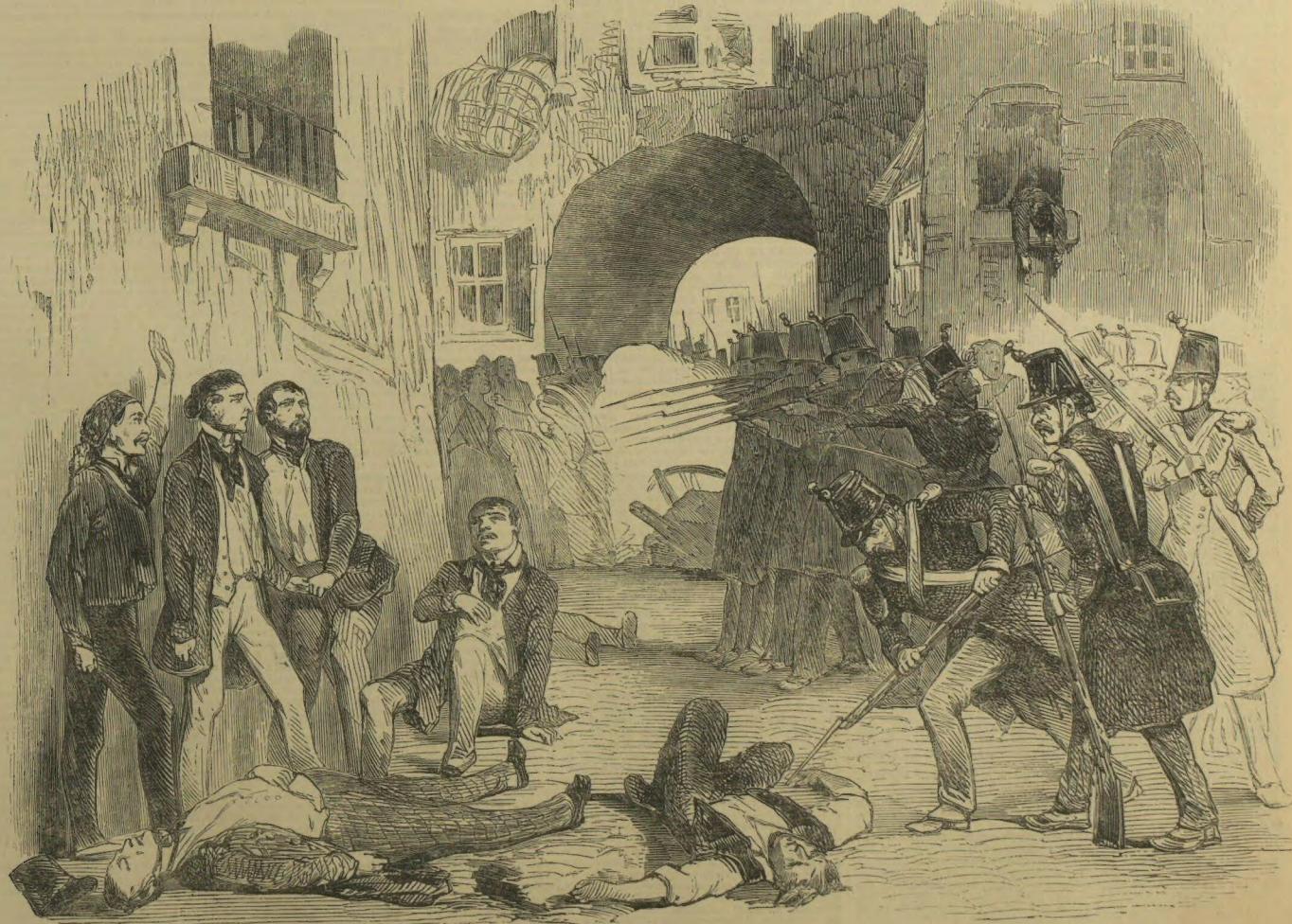
day, dissolving the Court. Thus was nullified the Supreme Court of Appeal from all the tribunals of France, which held its sittings in the Palais de Justice.

THE WOUNDED IN THE HOSPITAL OF ST. LOUIS.

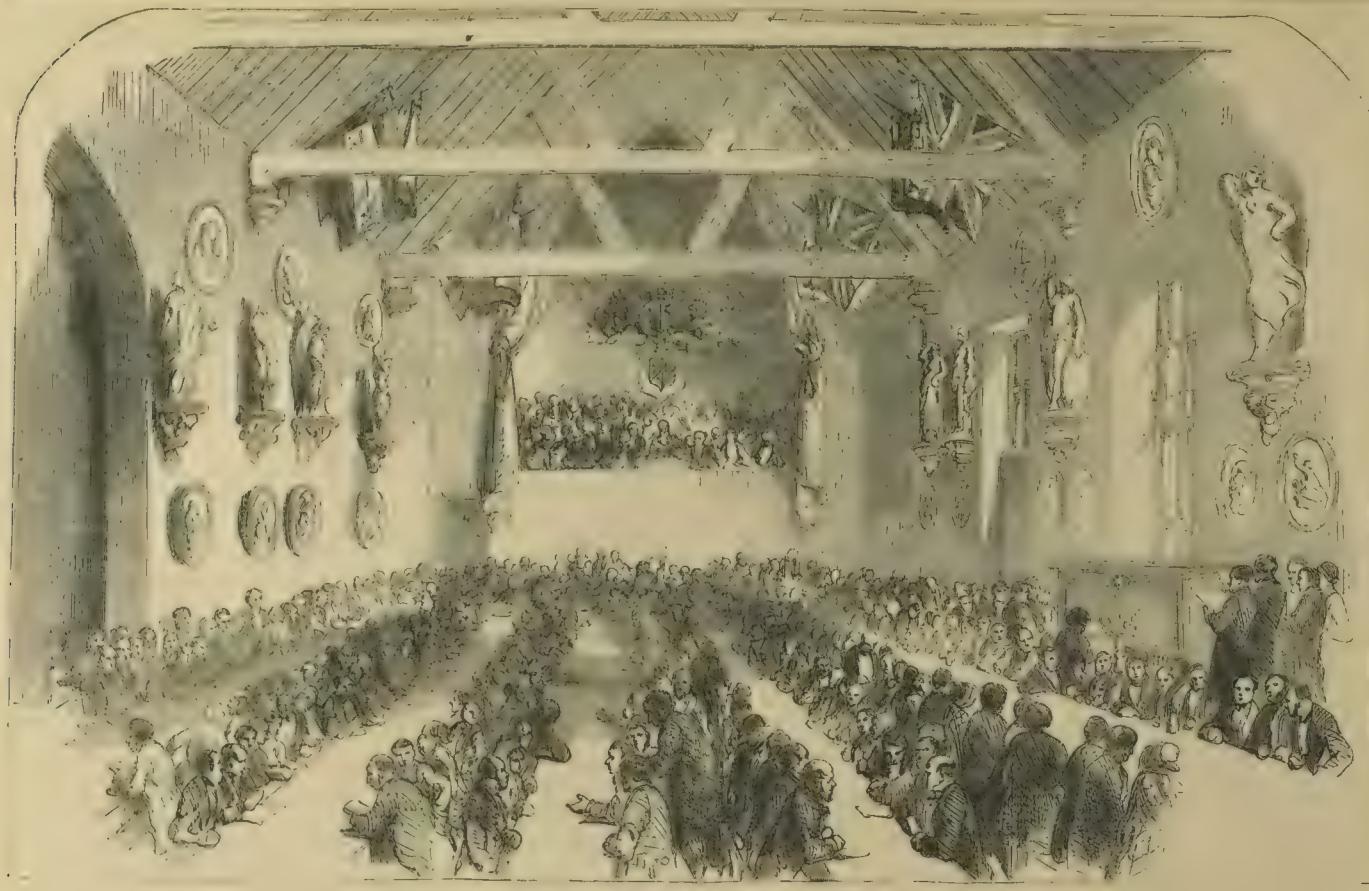
One of the most touching episodes amidst the carnage which raged in the streets of Paris was the conveyance of the wounded to the various

hospitals. Our Artist has selected for illustration a party carrying upon litters wounded persons to the Hospital of St. Louis, in the Rue des Récollets. Around and about the building are several Sisters, waiting to receive the sufferers.

The Hospital of St. Louis is one of the largest institutions of the kind in Paris: it contains 800 beds, which have been unhappily put in requisition during the recent slaughter.



THE TROOPS SHOOTING THE INSURGENTS IN THE STREETS OF PARIS.—(SEE NEXT PAGE.)



WORKING-MEN'S READING-ROOM, JUST OPENED AT CARLISLE.

square feet; the reading-room, school-room, and committee-room occupy 2143 square feet, leaving for the back offices and yards 1570 square feet, or 174 $\frac{1}{2}$ square yards.

About half-past six his Worship the Mayor (Thos. Nelson, Esq.), wearing his official gold chain, entered the gallery, followed by the Very Rev. the Dean (Dr. Tait); W. N. Hodgson, Esq., M.P.; J. Hewson, Esq., ex-Mayor; E. G. Mounsey, Esq.; Dr. Elliot, Capt. Monins, R. Ferguson, Esq.; H. Rawson, Esq.; R. Bendo, Esq.; E. Norman, Esq.; T. T. Raitton, Esq.; Rev. J. Short, Rev. E. Bradshaw, Rev. C. C. Lowndes, Rev. T. Hind, Rev. J. J. Osborn, Rev. J. W. Rowe, Rev. L. Currie, Mr. Hogg, architect, and other gentlemen anxious for the success of the institution. On taking their seats they were received with several rounds of applause.

Surveyed from the platform, the room presented a most animated appearance. About 500 persons were seated at the tables, upon which was set out a profusion of tea and cake. The decorations were tastefully arranged by Messrs. Sanderson and Fisher. They consisted of a crest and shield by Mr. John Roston; and mottoes and banners furnished by Messrs. H. Tweddle and Son. On the wall behind the platform were emblazoned the Royal arms, the city arms, the arms of P. H. Howard, Esq., M.P.; W. N. Hodgson, Esq., M.P.; Thos. Nelson, Esq.; Capt. Monins, &c.

After tea, the glee of "The Chough and Crow" was admirably rung by members of the choir of the cathedral, accompanied on the pianoforte by Mr. Ford; and three other glee were afterwards sung with equal ability in the intervals of the speeches.

The proceedings were opened by the Mayor, in an appropriate address, in which he explained that the building had been raised by the energy and perseverance of a few working-men, supported by voluntary sub-

scriptions. (Hear, hear.) To no one were the members of this institution more indebted than to Dr. Elliot—(Applause)—who had supported and encouraged them at a time when such institutions were little heard of, and when they were not appreciated as they are now.

The Secretary, Mr. W. Bowman, then read the third general report of the Reading-room, which is managed, as hitherto, entirely by working-men, the members numbering 200. The room is well supplied with newspapers, magazines, and other periodicals, which are much read by the members, who throng the room each evening; and it is pleasing to see what eagerness they manifest in the pursuit of knowledge, in which many have been very successful. Not a few can now converse upon scientific and other subjects, of which, only a short time ago, they were almost entirely ignorant. The number of books issued from the Library is about 3000 since the last *série*.

The Evening School in connexion with the institution also continues to be productive of much good to the younger members and members' children, who are employed during the day in the several public works. The report then details the circumstances under which the new building has been erected, commencing with £20 raised at a *série*, aided by the gentry and tradesmen of Carlisle and its neighbourhood; and Mr. Mounsey's hand-made present of a portion of the ground upon which the room is erected, and his loan of £100 at a low rate of interest. The whole cost of the building is stated at £395, of which £60 remained unpaid at the date of the report.

The assembly was addressed during the evening by the Dean of Carlisle, Mr. W. N. Hodgson, M.P., Mr. Mounsey, Mr. Hewson, Dr. Elliot, Captain Monins, and other gentlemen. Thanks were voted to the Mayor; and, after the National Anthem had been sung by the choir, the meeting separated.

TESTIMONIAL TO CAPTAIN BAKER, OF THE "PEKIN" STEAMER.

THIS elegant piece of Plate, manufactured by Messrs. Hunt and Roskell, has just been presented to the gallant Captain of the *Pekin*, whose perilous position in the China Sea was engraved and described in the ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS for Dec. 6, page 681.

The Plate bears the following inscription:—



PLATE PRESENTED TO CAPTAIN E. BAKER, OF THE "PEKIN" STEAM-PACKET.

Presented to Captain E. Baker by the passengers on board the *Pekin*, between Hong-Kong and Singapore, in token of their regard and admiration of his conduct during a typhoon, on the night of October 1st, 1851.

DESTRUCTION OF FISKERTON MILL, NOTTS.

On the morning of the 8th inst. a terrible calamity occurred in the neighbourhood of Southwell, about six miles from Newark, by which property to a considerable amount was destroyed by fire; and five men, in attempting to extinguish the flames, were killed by the fall of a portion of the building in which the conflagration occurred. The scene of this sad catastrophe was Fiskerton Mill, standing in the river Greet, at a few yards from its junction with the Trent, within the parish of Fiskerton.

The building was occupied by Mr. Joseph Marriott: it was five stories high, and was worked partly by steam and partly by water power. The mill commenced operations at a very early hour on Monday, and at two o'clock three pairs of French stones out of five were at work—the whole motive power being thus supplied by the water.

At about two o'clock, Charles Ward, the miller in charge, hearing a crackling noise, ran into the top dressing-room, and there found that the wood round which the straps turned was on fire. He instantly fetched a bucket of water, and threw it down the spouts, but without at all staying the flames. He then found the floor and other wood-work were on fire, when he aroused his master and the foreman, and galloped on horseback to Southwell for a fire-engine; a messenger being despatched for the same purpose to Newark.

Meanwhile the labourers and others that could be obtained, carried sacks of wheat and flour out of the burning premises, of which, at the time the fire commenced, they contained upwards of fifty quarters; but within half an hour the roof fell in, carrying the several floors to the basement without the slightest warning. At this moment a miller's apprentice was coming out of the door, and was driven forward by the rush of wind occasioned by the fall of the roofing, floors, &c. A labourer, with a sack of flour on his back, was knocked down and partly



DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT FISKERTON MILL, NEAR SOUTHWELL, NOTTS.



THE CORK AND BANDON RAILWAY.—THE CHETWOOD VIADUCT.

buried in the ruins, but was extricated; but two other men, each with a sack of flour or grain, were struck down and smothered, as were also two others who were further from the door. The head miller was afterwards found standing up with his face to the wall, at the western end of the building, his head thoroughly roasted. A man and his son were likewise buried in the ruins, but they escaped through a window at the north side of the mill.

The utmost exertions were made, amidst great danger, to rescue the five bodies, and they were at length found to be William Stimson, aged 30, labourer; John Reynolds, aged 21, employed in the mill; John Frederick Lloyd, aged 22, butcher; William Mayfield, aged 28, waggoner, employed in the mill; and James Robinson, aged 30, foreman and engineer at the mill—the latter leaving destitute a wife and five small children.

The engines did not reach the spot until the whole of the mill and adjoining premises were nearly destroyed. The fire is supposed to have originated in a strap which revolved upon a number of cogs chafing against some of the wood-work, owing to the machinery getting slightly out of gear.

The following afternoon an inquest was held on the bodies of the unfortunate sufferers, when the several witnesses described the circumstances above stated, and the jury returned a verdict of "Accidentally killed." The stock and machinery, belonging to Mr. Marriott, are stated to have been insured in the County Fire Office for £400—scarcely a third of the amount of the loss. Mr. Chambers, the owner of the mill, is believed to be insured.

A correspondent states, that, after the roof of the mill had fallen in, Butler, an apprentice, was seen on the end of a beam at the second-floor window, quietly taking off his shoes, with which he broke the glass, and so escaped. Butler, likewise, greatly exerted himself in rescuing persons from the ruins; as also did Gregory, of the Southwell fire-brigade, and Inspector Caldwell, of Newark.

TESTIMONIAL TO MR. C. P. RONEY.

A very graceful compliment was paid to this gentleman on Monday evening, by a party of nearly eighty of his friends, sixty of whom were

The whole proceedings were of a highly gratifying character, and the enjoyment of the evening was much enhanced by the able manner in which the festivities were presided over by Mr. Herbert Ingram.—*Morning Post.*

OPENING OF THE CORK AND BANDON RAILWAY.

In our Journal for Sept. 27, 1845, we illustrated the commencement of this line of railway, by the Earl of Bandon formally cutting the first turf; and we have now much pleasure, by aid of our correspondent at Cork, in recording the opening of the line end to end.

Few railways have had so hard a struggle for existence as this Bandon line; yet, notwithstanding the period of the famine, the total prostration of the speculative energies of the country, and the disagreements between the contractors and the company, the directors have every cause to congratulate themselves upon the way in which they have executed the arduous trust reposed in them, their whole aim and ambition having been from the commencement to encourage local industry, at the same time that they were laying a line of railway surpassed by few in the country.

The works were of no ordinary description, having to be made along the face of the highest range of hills in the district; thereby entailing the necessity of one continued series of cuttings, embankments, tunnels, and viaducts, the nature of which will be well understood from the accompanying Sketch of the Chetwood Viaduct, which rises from the level of the Bandon road, over which it passes, to within a few feet of the same elevation as the Great Tubular Bridge; and shows the masterly manner in which Mr. Nixon as engineer, and Messrs. Fox and Henderson as contractors, have executed their work. This vast structure, considered the largest of its kind in Ireland, measures 500 feet from abutment to abutment, and is about 100 feet above the level of the valley; it is divided into four spans of 100 feet each by two abutments and three massive outline stone piers, 70 feet high; the ornamental pilasters and bold projecting cornices giving the whole structure an appearance of great strength and solidity. The upper portion is composed of wrought and cast-iron, and weighs about 1000 tons. Each span consists of four cast-iron arched ribs, three feet in depth, 110 feet span, with a rise of 20 feet in the centre, and running right across from pier to pier. They are retained in their places by cast-iron braces and wrought-iron tie-rods, and connected on the top by the roadway formed of cast-

iron covering plates, flanged and bolted together; the whole finished by a neatly-cast handrail and projecting cornice.

The works throughout the line are now in such a state of forwardness as to have elicited the warmest praise from the Government inspector, who went over the line on Wednesday fortnight, and declared it fit for public traffic.

On Saturday week the deferred excursion to the shareholders, the directors, and their friends took place; and, were the loudly-expressed opinions of those favoured with an invitation to be taken as a guarantee for the welfare of the company, little doubt can be left of its ultimate success. There are two classes of people to whom this railway must be a great boon: these are the widely-spread people of the western district of the country whose business or pleasure may lead them into the city, and the tourist who seeks to enjoy the beauties of the west: to the latter it opens up a new district of country; whilst it at once takes them from a road heretofore looked on as one of the most unattractive leading for some fifteen or sixteen miles out of the city.

The excursion was made in and out in capital style, and much to the enjoyment of those who partook of it. The journey outwards, owing to the directors' wish to allow their friends to see the country, occupied about three hours; but home the speed was at the rate of over forty miles per hour.

We have to express our thanks to Mr. Ronayne, one of the resident engineers, for his obliging attention to our Artist.

HAYMARKET THEATRE.

The broad farce of "The Two Bonnycastles" maintains its well-merited success at this theatre. The incident selected by our Artist for illustration is as follows:—The sham Bonnycastle having arrived, and the servant being engaged in preparing his chamber, the real Bonnycastle, now domesticated in the lawyer's establishment, makes himself generally useful. He consents, in fact, to provide luncheon for the new comer. Returning to the stage with a well-filled tray, he is encountered by his wife, who has just arrived to advise with his master on the subject of his own mysterious disappearance. Their surprise is mutual. In his agitation, Bonnycastle drops the tray and its contents. This incident, of course, practical as it is, produces the most uproarious merriment on the part of the audience.



TESTIMONIAL PRESENTED TO MR. RONEY, ON MONDAY LAST.

connected with the metropolitan daily and weekly press, and had associated specially for the purpose. A *récherché* banquet, served by Mr. Bath, of the London Tavern, in his best style, formed an agreeable introduction to the principal object of the meeting, which was for the presentation of a very handsome silver Flower Vase and Salver, of exquisite workmanship, and got up with that fine taste which characterises all the productions of Messrs. Hunt and Roskell. This testimonial was an offering on the part of the members of the metropolitan press, in token of their appreciation of Mr. Roney's conduct in all his relations with them during his tenure of office as secretary of the Eastern Counties Railway. The Salver bore the following inscription:—

"Oliu meminisse juvabit."

TO CUSACK P. RONEY, Esq. (Late Secretary of the Eastern Counties Railway).

This Salver, with an accompanying Flower Vase,

Was presented at a dinner given to him at the London Tavern,

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